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Analysis of Truck Traffic on Selected Roads in North Vietnam and Laos,
23 July 1964

Reference: A Preliminary Analysis of Truck Traffic Patterns in North Vietnam
and Communist-Held Portions of Laos, 16 May 1964, (Attached)

1. Subject paper is attached for your approval and transmittal through channels to USIB.

2. The referenced paper was prepared jointly by CIA and DIA by the direction of Mr. Cline and General Carroll in order to make available to the intelligence community an analysis of truck traffic on selected routes in North Vietnam and the Communist-held portions of Laos. The chief sources to be considered in this analysis were to be aerial photography and reports from ground observers.

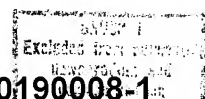
3. The referenced paper was referred to COMOR for comments by the USIB Secretariat and these comments were approved by USIB at the meeting on 20 May. The conclusions of COMOR were as follows:

a. That a conclusive judgment on whether daily road coverage should be continued must at least await final assessment based on the material in hand.

b. That the final assessment may permit us to establish a useful base of information against which to appraise future movements.

c. That pending final assessment, daily U-2 photography of routes (7), (12, 12A, 12A/B, 12B), (9), (23) should be continued insofar as weather permits.

4. In accordance with the preceding instructions we have subjected the available data from aerial photography and ground observers to intensive analysis. Our findings are presented in the subject paper. They have been



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Attachments:

1. Analysis of Truck Traffic on Selected Routes in North Vietnam and Laos, 29 July 1964
2. A Preliminary Analysis of Truck Traffic Patterns in North Vietnam and Communist-Held Portions of Laos, 16 May 1964

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